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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC and National Association of Software Services Companies (NASSCOM) have signed an MoU to strengthen professional education in the universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the manner in which students of B.A., B.Com, and B.Sc. are likely to be benefited by these professional courses; and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to start and the number of colleges to be covered in the first phase?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): Yes , Sir.

(b): UGC has signed an MoU with the NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) on the 16th March,2005. Under the MoU, both sides will work towards- strengthening Indian higher education (through curricula, faculty, infrastructure, pedagogy improvements) in line with the IT industry's requirements. Further, this would encourage setting up of entrepreneurship and knowledge based enterprises by fostering better linkages between academic institutions, IT industry and R&D institutions, particularly in the universities and colleges.

(c): Students pursuing general arts and science courses will also be exposed to skill sets required in the ITES/BPO industry through Techno-Business Skills Development centres and Entrepreneurship Development Cells in the universities and colleges in partnership with the IT/BPO industry.

(d): Whereas, a pilot programme has already been launched for faculty development, details of other programmes are being worked out by the UGC.